



**CRJC Mount Ascutney Local River Subcommittee**

**Monday, October 3, 2022**

**7 PM**

**Windsor Welcome Center and Conference Call**

**Attendees**

Plainfield	<i>Open</i>		Windsor	Michael Metivier	
Plainfield	David Taylor	V	Windsor	Jim Bennett	V
Cornish	Jeffrey Plant	V	Weathersfield	Howard Beach	V
Cornish	Colleen O'Neill		Weathersfield	<i>Open</i>	
Claremont	<i>Open</i>		Springfield	Bill Manner	V
Claremont	<i>Open</i>		Springfield	Kelly Stettner	V
Hartland	Cordelia Merritt		Rockingham	<i>Open</i>	
Hartland	Judy Howland	V	Rockingham	<i>Open</i>	
Charlestown	<i>Open</i>				
Charlestown	John Streeter	V			

Virtual: Clay Hawkins (Claremont), Olivia Uyizeye (CRJC staff consultant)

*No Quorum – This meeting does not meet requirement for a quorum.*

**Meeting Notes**

*1. Welcome & Introductions*

Chair David Taylor calls the meeting to order at 7PM. Taylor welcomes all present. Attendees and visitors introduce themselves and share local updates.

*2. Meeting Minutes from August*

This item is postponed to the next meeting.

*3. Permit Review*

*a. Industrial park buildout, Windsor VT (Find details :*

<https://enb.vermont.gov/?id=18350>)

Bennett explains that the permit intends to expand an old farm building that used to host a cheese shop next to Harpoon Brewery. The permit is several weeks away from VTDEC technical review. The permit proposes to add a new stormwater infiltration practice on the far south west lot of the industrial park, near the solar array. This is to handle an extra quarter acre of impervious surfaces. If it passes VTDEC technical review, Bennett does not see any problems. A brook runs through the southern part of that lot on its way to the Connecticut River. Bennett does not see any concerns for negative impacts related to this permit. There are other concerns related to this property.

- b. *Farm Store development, Hartland VT (Past Comment, Find details : <https://enb.vermont.gov/?id=18114>)*

Taylor. A wealthy, new property owner who is based in Florida is proposing to start a high-end meat market right near the interstate as you come into Hartland. A place where a house had come down. The project is an ACT250 eligible permit.

Howland. Hartland does not have zoning. The new development would have a big, paved parking lot and music. Controversy in town between those who think it is a good and bad idea. People have gotten used to it being a hayfield, it did have earlier commercial activities.

Taylor. Owner has a fascination with stone walls. Zoning and planning boards are important. It is a big structure with a lot of parking. Good location.

Stettner. It is pretty close to streams flowing into the Connecticut. It is on a little brook that flows into Lulls brook. Based on conversation with the regional commission, it is not in compliance with Town and Regional plan (Pete Fellows). Stettner expresses concern for water quality, runoff.

Howland. A gas station in that area was proposed and went away.

#### 4. *Updates & Other Business*

- a. Uyizeye shares updates on upcoming riverwide speaker events. Details found here - <https://www.cric.org/riverwide/>
- b. FERC updates provided based on presentation at recent wilder dam tour, found on the CRJC YouTube Channel [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1\\_iuiKHKJqLn5isAsjiTfQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1_iuiKHKJqLn5isAsjiTfQ)
- c. Plainfield River Road – Taylor reports that work has not started.
- d. Claremont – Ford, wet meadow permit approved and being appealed by Town Conservation Commission. Link to article - [https://www.vnews.com/NH-DES-approves-wetlands-permit-for-Claremont-Ford-48211208?mc\\_cid=06540d101f&mc\\_eid=99e117f39f](https://www.vnews.com/NH-DES-approves-wetlands-permit-for-Claremont-Ford-48211208?mc_cid=06540d101f&mc_eid=99e117f39f)
- e. Stettner is providing comments to Springfield as they update their Town Plan including the Natural and Scenic Resources chapter.
- f. Stettner asks about finding a second rep for Charlestown. Uyizeye will work with Stettner to find a second rep and also send information to Rockingham.

#### 5. *Adjourn*

The meeting adjourns at 7:39PM, by motion of O'Neill/Manner.

**Next meeting scheduled for December 5<sup>th</sup>**

*Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Olivia Uyizeye.*